

William Rittenhouse, born 1644, near Mülheim, in the principality of Broich, on the River Ruhr, between the River Rhine and Westphalia, in what is now Rheinland. He was a son of George Rittenhausen and Maria Hagerhoffs Rittenhouse, whose father was also George Rittenhausen, and was born in 1595, and was a son of Conradi, born Sept. 25, 1560, at Brunswick; his father was Balthaser Rittenhausen, and his grandfather was Heinrich Rittenhausen, of Minden, Westphalia, born about 1500.

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#### BROICH.

The principality of Broich was at that time a tract of country lying between Westphalia and the River Rhine, in what is now Rheinland, and belongs, or is under the jurisdiction of the German Empire, the residence of the Count (Graf), of Falkenstein, and Broich is only one German mile from Duisburg, on the western bank of the River Ruhr. On the opposite side of the river and connected by a bridge is located Mülheim—see Penn's Travels in Germany in 1677, which was one year prior to the issuing of the Rittenhouse certificate. That country was subject to many changes during the heavy wars; so we must take it as it was then, and not what it is now.

William Rittenhouse's mother, whose maiden name was Maria Hagerhoffs, and his brother Heinrich Nicholas Rittenhouse, and a sister, were residing in the principality of Broich, where the certificate of the year of his birth was issued and certified to by his mother and brother, thereby establishing the fact that William was born there. Broich was a principality in Rheinland, between the River Rhine and Westphalia, and Falkenstein was its chief town, situated on the western bank of the River Ruhr, and opposite the river is Mülheim. The two towns are connected by a bridge. (See Penn's Travels in Europe in 1677.) The certificate of citizenship to William, dated Amsterdam, June 23, 1678, also